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General marking approach

The following process details at high level, the steps that will be undertaken by the external marking teams at City & Guilds following the submission of candidates' evidence (including additional supporting evidence such as videos of presentations etc.).

Guidance

Markers of this assessment should note

- that candidate evidence must be marked based on what has been submitted. This means that if candidate evidence is not complete, marks will **only** be based on what has been submitted.
- that the marking grids follow two slightly different approaches:
 - some of the task-based marking grids focus on a single targeted assessment objective. For these mark grids, the band descriptors have been written in direct response to the individual assessment objective. Markers will consider all of the descriptor statements presented in each marking band as a whole, in order to determine how the candidate has evidenced demonstration of the assessment objective within the specific task.
 - some of the task-based marking grids incorporate coverage of multiple assessment objectives. This has been done where there is clear alignment between the objectives in the task and aims to support markers to bring together and assess the available evidence. For these mark grids, the assessment objectives being assessed have been incorporated into the band descriptors, so ***in the same way as above***, markers should focus on how the evidence demonstrated reflects the collective descriptor statements in each band, which should be read as a whole to form an overall judgement.
- regardless of which of the above two approaches that the marking grids take, as the band descriptors incorporate the assessment objectives that each is intending to assess, markers should follow the guidance on marking without any specific need to consider the assessment objectives – ie considering the evidence and marks available as a whole and base their judgement on the quality of response and how it meets the overall band descriptors (see Process below).
- that if candidates make an error or display a weakness in one task that is further compounded through the inter-dependent nature of the tasks and carry through that error, the marker should penalise the candidate only once. Each task should be considered within the constraints of the marking for the task itself, focusing on the knowledge and skills to be demonstrated in that task. For example, if a candidate identifies a less than optimal proposal for the introduction of their chosen livestock enterprises in Task 2, when they get to the evaluation Task 5 where their reflection is presented, the marker should focus on looking at how well the candidate evaluates their proposal, ie it is the evaluation and communication skills that should be the key focus of the assessment of the task, rather than further penalising the candidate for carrying forward a less than optimal proposal for their recommended livestock enterprises from Task 2.

Process

- Marker scans/reads the candidate's evidence, the external marker makes a judgement on the level of performance the candidate has demonstrated taking all the evidence into consideration and they then judge the appropriate mark following the normal process.
- Marker makes an initial assessment of the best fit to band.
- Marker reviews the candidate evidence against the initial band descriptor in more detail to decide if the response is securely sitting within the band; if all characteristics described by the band descriptor are seen or it strongly meets the level of performance described by the descriptor holistically:
 - marker will also check the descriptor for the level above
 - if evidence clearly shows some of the characteristics of the higher band, the marker will select a suitable mark at the bottom of that band
 - if not showing characteristics of the higher band, the marker will revert to the original band, selecting a mark at the higher end of that mark range.

If the response is not securely in the band, but **is partially** showing the characteristics of the band:

- marker will check the descriptor of the level below/above
- marker will decide on a suitable mark either at the bottom of the original band as some characteristics shown, or top of the lower band if it better describes the quality of the characteristics being shown.

If the response is largely meeting the band, with only a few concerns and is not showing characteristics aligning with the higher or lower bands, the appropriate mark is likely to be in the middle range.

If there is no alignment with the descriptor, the marker will reassess the starting band, and begin again.

- Based on the level of alignment with the descriptor, the marker will confirm a final mark within the band, bearing in mind the marks available form an evenly distributed scale:
 - if the quality of response fully aligns with the performance described by the descriptor, the marker will assign a high mark within the band
 - if the quality of the response partially aligns with the performance described by the descriptor, the marker will assign a low to medium mark within the band
 - the marker will consider the quality of a range of similar responses (eg annotated lead grade exemplification materials, responses reviewed during standardisation, and through experience) and choose a mark that would give an appropriate ranking amongst those responses in relation to the full range of marks available in each band.
- In order to fully assess the evidence, it may be necessary to focus on several distinct aspects. These have been grouped into separate sub-grids to allow the marker to make separate assessment decisions, rather than attempt to bring disparate elements together as a holistic judgement, to support reliability, validity and manageability for the marker.
- Should a candidate make an error or display a weakness in one task that is further compounded through the inter-dependent nature of the tasks and carry through that error, the marker should penalise the candidate only once. Each task should be considered within the constraints of the marking for the task itself, focusing on the knowledge and skills to be demonstrated in that task. For example, if the candidate does not research suitable livestock enterprises to expand in Task 1, when they get to the planning in Task 3 – the marker should focus on looking at how well the

candidate plans the implementation of the livestock enterprises they are proposing, ie it is the project planning skills that hold the main relevance in this task, rather than further penalising the candidate for a less than optimal proposal from the initial Tasks. Candidates can also use evaluation within later task responses to address issues they have identified.

Assessment objectives

The Employer-Set Project is assessed against five assessment objectives. The assessment objectives are mapped against each task within the marking grids:

AO Ref	Assessment Objective
AO1	Plan their approach to meeting the project brief.
AO2	Apply core knowledge and skills as appropriate:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO2a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ core knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO2b 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ core skills <p>Analysing - Qualitative and quantitative data and information and identifying common features, organising into types, discerning patterns, deconstructing, classifying, ordering eg identifying common features of data obtained on options to develop a new product or service, classifying and organising data into types, discerning patterns.</p> <p>Communicating – Using a range of communication methods tailored to the audience with different audiences through reading, writing, listening and speaking through the use of visual, oral and written methods, demonstrating active listening, building a rapport, engaging an audience, adapting style and tone to audience needs and nature of the message eg using visual and oral methods to engage an audience with proposal for improving representation and diversity in the sector.</p> <p>Critical thinking - In relation to problem solving, decision making, researching and planning to include questioning, evaluating pros and cons, using logic and reasoned argument, synthesising, concluding eg questioning information and data, evaluating pros and cons of the introduction of new machinery or plant into a business, taking out of the whole life cycle.</p> <p>Decision making - In work related contexts including clarifying logical choices, identifying likely impact, using evidence and advice, justifying, substantiating, concluding eg identifying likely impact if biosecurity plan in the business and using evidence to substantiate conclusions.</p> <p>Investigating - To obtain information and data including identifying potential sources, developing search criteria/queries, interrogating data, designing and carrying out tests eg developing search criteria/queries for secondary research and designing and carrying out tests for primary research into the environmental impact of a business.</p>

AO Ref	Assessment Objective
	Working in a team – To provide mutual support, open communication, respect and honesty, developing new ideas and interpretations, providing support, advice and guidance, reflecting, inviting and providing feedback on own and other’s performances.
AO3	Select relevant techniques and resources to meet the brief.
AO4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO4a • AO4b • AO4c 	Use maths, English and digital skills as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ maths ○ English ○ digital
AO5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO5a • AO5b 	Realise a project outcome and review how well the outcome meets the brief: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ realise a project outcome – was the right outcome achieved? ○ review how well the outcome meets the brief, how well the brief was met and the quality of the outcome in relation to the brief.

Employer-Set Project mark distribution

This table illustrates how the 90 marks for the Employer-Set Project are distributed against the tasks and mapped to each assessment objective. These have been set by subject matter experts and employers and will support the comparability between versions of the Employer-Set Project over time.

Tasks	AO1	AO2a	AO2b	AO3	AO5a	AO5b	Total	AO4a	AO4b	AO4c	
1. Research	3	0	6	3	0	0	12	0	0	0	
2. Report	3	9	9	6	0	0	27	3	0	0	
3. Plan	6	6	6	3	0	0	21	0	3	0	
4. Peer review	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Evaluate and present	0	3	6	0	6	6	21	0	0	3	
Total	12	18	27	12	6	6	81	3	3	3	90
AO marks	12	45		12	12		-	9		90	
AO %	13.3%*	50%		13.3%*	13.3%*		-	10%		100%*	

NB - AO2 collectively must be at least 50% (ie 45 marks)

* Total of AO1, AO3, and AO5 weighting rounded to nearest whole number

1. Research

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

Core Skills

- Action plan for research which highlights a planned approach to collating research from appropriate topics in order to gather research on the three suitable farm livestock species as part of the new livestock enterprise on Brimham Farm, with associated costs, including search terms/criteria/high-level areas in line with the project brief.
- The action plan highlights reputable sources of information (eg government websites, industry guidance and businesses) relating to the introduction of farm livestock to the farm.
- Appropriate research which may include:
 - Consideration of the suitable livestock species as a new enterprise to Brimham Farm.
 - Consideration of animal welfare and current health and safety legislative requirements (eg management of risk) that need to be taken into account when researching the three livestock enterprises to the farm, including how this information can be used to plan the best approach for the project.
 - Consideration of the feed requirements for the three livestock enterprises (eg type, quantity, cost of feed).
 - Consideration of routine husbandry requirements for the three livestock enterprises that shows planning for the day-to-day running of the enterprises (eg labour, facilities, resources, temporary accommodation if applicable).
 - Consideration of size and profitability of the three enterprises based on the available resources.
 - Consideration for the different types of costs for each of the three livestock enterprises on Brimham Farm for the next three years, including labour and livestock husbandry.
 - Considerations for storing products and stock management.
 - Consideration of how the livestock species impacts biosecurity, sustainability and the environment.
 - List of references for research collated.
- Logical action for the collation of research, including sourcing the relevant and most useful information to support response to the brief.
- Appropriate research undertaken into the three livestock enterprises on Brimham Farm using effective and appropriate research methods including:
 - reliable websites (ie credible sources such as websites of government agencies/industry bodies etc).
 - range of sources used (not relying on limited or single sources of information).
 - avoiding sources which may be biased (ie selling products).

- Application of core skills to plan and conduct the research in order to produce research notes which document findings in order to support with critical thinking and decision-making for the introduction of the livestock enterprise required by the business in line with the project brief.
- Use of appropriate terminology.

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this task and assessment objectives.

- Task 1 - Research action plan
- Task 1 - Research notes
- Task 1 - List of references

Note: where there is insufficient evidence to award a mark, a zero mark may be given

	Band 1 descriptor		Band 2 descriptor		Band 3 descriptor		AOs (marks)	Total marks available	
Task 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	AO1	6	
Research	Marking descriptors – All versions							AO3	
AO1 Plan their approach to meeting the project brief.	Basic planning of the approach to research and information gathering, with minimal consideration of action plan requirements. The range of topics/criteria considered has limited relevance to the context of the brief. (AO1)	Good planning of the approach to research and information gathering, with moderate consideration of action plan requirements. The range of topics/criteria considered has good relevance to the context of the brief. (AO1)	Excellent planning of the approach to research and information gathering, with thorough consideration of action plan requirements. The range of topics/criteria considered has excellent relevance to the context of the brief. (AO1)						
AO3 Select relevant techniques and resources to meet the brief.	Limited consideration of brief requirements is evident in the techniques/resources used to carry out the research, resulting in a limited range of relevant information being gathered. (AO3)	Good consideration of brief requirements is evident in the techniques/resources used to carry out the research, resulting in a good range of relevant information being gathered. (AO3)	Thorough consideration of brief requirements is evident in the techniques/resources used to carry out the research, resulting in a comprehensive range of relevant information being gathered. (AO3)						

	Band 1 descriptor		Band 2 descriptor		Band 3 descriptor		AOs (marks)	Total marks available	
Task 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	AO2b	6	
Research	Marking descriptors – All versions								
AO2b Core skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysing Critical thinking Investigating 	<p>Basic application of critical thinking and analysis in evaluating the project brief, context and task requirements, which is utilised to limited effect, to inform the research. Resulting in research action plan and notes with minimal connections to the context of the brief. (AO2b Analysing and Critical thinking)</p> <p>Basic application of investigation skills to identify some relevant/accurate sources and develop a limited range of search criteria/queries, generating information with minimal links and relevance to the context of the brief. Limited interrogation of research findings to ensure information collated links to the context of the brief. (AO2b Investigating)</p>	<p>Good application of critical thinking and analysis in the evaluating the project brief, context and task requirements, which is mostly utilised effectively to inform the research. Resulting in research action plan and notes with good connections to the context of the brief. (AO2b Analysing and Critical thinking)</p> <p>Good application of investigation skills to identify mostly relevant/accurate sources and develop a good range of search criteria/queries, generating information with good links and relevance to the context of the brief. Good interrogation of research findings to ensure information collated links to the context of the brief. (AO2b Investigating)</p>	<p>Comprehensive application of critical thinking and analysis in evaluating the project brief, context and task requirements, which is consistently utilised effectively to inform the research. Resulting in research action plan and notes with excellent connections to the context of the brief. (AO2b Analysing and Critical thinking)</p> <p>Excellent application of investigation skills used to identify highly relevant/accurate sources and develop comprehensive range of search criteria/queries, generating information with thorough links and relevance to the context of the brief. Excellent interrogation of research findings to ensure information collated links to the context of the brief. (AO2b Investigating)</p>						

2. Report

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

Core knowledge

- Research findings from Task 1 on the three livestock enterprises are outlined and summarised and written with the audience of the farm manager in mind, with evidence of prioritisation of relevant information and data that links to the requirements of the brief for the business to consider sustainability in the way that it farms.
- Selection of two livestock enterprises that are justified as the most suitable option for the project and meet the requirements of the project brief.
- Written report which draws on research conducted into the two chosen livestock enterprises and which is used to effectively plan the best approach to meet the requirements of the project brief.
- Selection of two chosen livestock enterprises detailed clearly within the written report, applying core knowledge to provide justifications on the suitability in line with the requirements of the project brief.
- Consideration of potential costs required for the two chosen livestock enterprises including labour requirements (staffing), livestock husbandry requirements (eg welfare/care equipment).
- Considerations for animal welfare (including temporary accommodation where applicable), legislation, health and safety, biosecurity, sustainability and environmental impact for the two chosen livestock enterprises, drawing on core knowledge to detail how these may impact the project so this can be taken into account within the approach to planning.
- Considerations for storing products and stock management in line with the requirement of the two chosen livestock enterprises.

Core Skills

- Collate information acquired from research in order to make justifications as to why the two chosen livestock enterprises are the most effective options in line with the requirements of the project brief.
- Selection and appropriate justification of the two chosen livestock enterprises.
- Application of core skills to produce a written report which details and justifies the two chosen livestock enterprises in line with the requirements of the project brief, as well as consideration for impact of decisions made within project planning.
- Appropriate use of correct terminology.

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this task and assessment objectives.

- Task 2 - Written report

Note: where there is insufficient evidence to award a mark, a zero mark may be given

Task 2	Band 1 descriptor			Band 2 descriptor			Band 3 descriptor			AOs	Total marks available
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AO1 Plan their approach to meeting the project brief • AO3 Select relevant techniques and resources to meet the brief 	Limited evidence of a planned approach resulting in a report that lacks structure and minimal connections with the brief/task requirements. (AO1) Techniques/resources for the solution are selected based on a basic analysis of the brief/task requirements, associated impacts of choices made are minimally effective and appropriate/relevant. (AO3)			Good evidence of a planned approach resulting in a report that has good structure and moderate connections with the brief/task requirements. (AO1) Techniques/resources for the solution are selected based on good analysis of the brief/task requirements, associated impacts of choices made are mostly effective and appropriate/relevant. (AO3)			Thorough evidence of a planned approach resulting in a report that has excellent structure and comprehensive connections with the brief/task requirements. (AO1) Techniques/resources for the solution are selected based on thorough analysis of the brief/task requirements, associated impacts of choices made are highly effective and appropriate/relevant. (AO3)			AO1 AO3	9

Task 2	Band 1 descriptor			Band 2 descriptor			Band 3 descriptor			AOs	Total marks available
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Report AO2a Core knowledge	<p>Limited application of core knowledge throughout the report, minimal depth and breadth of core knowledge applied to make relevant links to the requirements of the brief.</p> <p>Limited application of core knowledge to justify proposed decisions/solutions. Links are limited in detail/range and lack relevance to the requirements of the brief.</p> <p>Limited application of core knowledge and research findings, resulting in minimally clear/accurate links to substantiate and support justifications throughout the report.</p>	<p>Good application of core knowledge throughout the report, moderate depth and breadth of core knowledge applied to make relevant links to the requirements of the brief.</p> <p>Good application of core knowledge to justify proposed decisions/solutions. Links contain good detail/range and are mostly relevant to the requirements of the brief.</p> <p>Good application of core knowledge and research findings, resulting in mostly clear/accurate links to substantiate and support justifications throughout the report.</p>	<p>Excellent application of core knowledge throughout the report, extensive depth and breadth of core knowledge applied to make relevant links to the requirements of the brief.</p> <p>Excellent application of core knowledge to justify proposed decisions/solutions. Links contain comprehensive detail/range and are highly relevant to the requirements of the brief.</p> <p>Comprehensive application of core knowledge and research findings, resulting in consistently clear/accurate links to substantiate and support justifications throughout the report.</p>	AO2a	9						

Task 2	Band 1 descriptor			Band 2 descriptor			Band 3 descriptor			AOs	Total marks available
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Report AO2b Core skills: Analysing Communication Critical thinking Decision making Investigating	<p>Basic analysis and application of critical thinking, used with limited success to inform decisions. Conclusions are justified/supported with limited use of logic and reasoning to make connections with the requirements of the brief. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making)</p> <p>Basic application of communication skills, with limited consideration of audience for the report. Communication is minimally effective in presenting details of the approach to the brief requirements. (AO2b Communication)</p> <p>Limited interrogation of the information/data from the research is attempted, but sometimes ineffectively to</p>			<p>Good analysis and application of critical thinking which is mostly used successfully to inform decisions. Conclusions are justified/supported with good use of logic and reasoning to make connections with the requirements of the brief. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making)</p> <p>Good application of communication skills, with audience for the report mostly considered throughout. Communication is mostly effective in presenting details of the approach to the brief requirements. (AO2b Communication)</p> <p>Good interrogation of the information/data from the research is used reasonably effectively to</p>			<p>Comprehensive analysis and application of critical thinking which is consistently used successfully to inform decisions. Conclusions are justified/supported with excellent use of logic and reasoning to make connections with the requirements of the brief. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making)</p> <p>Excellent application of communication skills, with audience for the report thoroughly considered throughout. Communication is consistently effective in presenting details of the approach to the brief requirements. (AO2b Communication)</p> <p>Comprehensive interrogation of the information/data from the research is used highly effectively to ensure decisions/conclusions</p>			AO2b	9

	Band 1 descriptor	Band 2 descriptor	Band 3 descriptor	AOs	Total marks available
	ensure decisions/conclusions are linked to the context of the brief. (AO2b Investigating)	ensure decisions/conclusions are linked to the context of the brief. (AO2b Investigating)	are linked to the context of the brief. (AO2b Investigating)		

3. Plan

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

Core knowledge

- Consideration of routine work activities for the two chosen livestock enterprises, drawing on core knowledge to detail appropriate day-to-day activities required and how these activities may be scheduled in an effective way using available resources (eg staff) in line with the project brief. The audience of the staff members within the business is considered in the plan, including how each part of the plan will support them during the implementation and running of the two chosen livestock enterprises.
- Consideration of staff responsibilities within the two chosen livestock enterprises and who will be involved with each process and when, and any amendments to work practices, staff hours and current responsibilities. Instructions to staff on changes to ways of working taking into account health and safety of staff for successful implementation and running of the two chosen livestock enterprises (eg hours worked, safe working environment, providing staff with clear instructions/training within the plan for new ways of working).
- Implementation plan showing details of processes required within the running/managing of the two chosen livestock enterprises, durations of each process/task that need to be completed, resources, links between tasks if applicable.
- Consideration of the resources required for starting up and running the two chosen livestock enterprises (livestock, labour, machinery, equipment, husbandry equipment etc).
- Consideration of the feed requirements detailed within the plan linked to the relevant stage of production (age, size, health status etc) in line with the two chosen livestock enterprises.
- Consideration of storing products and the relevant stock management (eg feed, bedding, veterinary medicine and/or health supplements, etc.) process to support livestock should be planned to consider the resources, cost and implementation of the two chosen livestock enterprises.
- Consideration of the relevant husbandry requirements including care and production of the two chosen livestock enterprises in line with the project brief.
- Core knowledge is drawn upon to justify detail within the implementation plan within the supporting statement, explaining why the approach to manage the two chosen livestock enterprises is the most effective in line with successfully meeting the project brief.

Core Skills

- Use of technical terminology.

- Application of core skills (Analysing, Communicating, Critical thinking, Decision making) to plan and produce an implementation plan for the two chosen livestock enterprises.
- Evidence of collation of appropriate activities and the logic in the sequence in which they are presented.
- Management of time to create an appropriate plan which effectively uses resources to ensure the two chosen livestock enterprises can be managed and run successfully.
- Accuracy and attention to detail in implementation plan.
- Suitable communication, for example technical terminology, for the audience (farm manager).

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this task and assessment objectives.

- Task 3 - Implementation plan
- Task 3 - Supporting statement

Note: where there is insufficient evidence to award a mark, a zero mark may be given

Task 3	Band 1 descriptor			Band 2 descriptor			Band 3 descriptor			AOs (marks)	Total marks available
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Plan	Marking descriptors – All versions									AO1 AO3	9
AO1 Plan their approach to meeting the project brief	Limited evidence of a planned approach, plan has basic consideration of the task requirements and the context of the brief. (AO1)			Good evidence of a planned approach, plan has good consideration of the task requirements and the context of the brief. (AO1)			Excellent evidence of a planned approach, plan has thorough consideration of the task requirements and the context of the brief. (AO1)				
AO3 Select relevant techniques and resources to meet the brief	Techniques/resources for the implementation of the solution are selected based on limited analysis, resulting in minimal relevance to the brief requirements. Selection of techniques/resources have limited effectiveness and appropriateness for the proposed plan. (AO3)			Techniques/resources for the implementation of the plan are selected based on good analysis, resulting in moderate relevance to the brief requirements. Selection of techniques/resources are mostly effective and appropriate for the proposed plan. (AO3)			Techniques/resources for the implementation of the plan are selected based on thorough analysis, resulting in excellent relevance to the brief requirements. Selection of techniques/resources are consistently effective and appropriate for the proposed plan. (AO3)				

Task 3	Band 1 descriptor		Band 2 descriptor		Band 3 descriptor		AO (marks)	Total marks available	
	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Plan	Marking descriptors – All versions							AO2a	6
AO2a Apply core knowledge	<p>Limited application of core knowledge throughout the plan, resulting in minimal consideration of the task requirements to implement the proposed plan.</p> <p>Application of core knowledge is minimal in depth and range when justifying decisions for the implementation of the plan, resulting in limited technical accuracy and basic links to the requirements of the brief to support decisions.</p>	<p>Good application of core knowledge throughout the plan, resulting in moderate consideration of the task requirements to implement the proposed plan.</p> <p>Application of core knowledge is moderate in depth and range when justifying decisions for the implementation of the plan, resulting in mostly technical accuracy and good links to the requirements of the brief to support decisions.</p>	<p>Excellent application of core knowledge throughout the plan, resulting in thorough task requirements to implement the proposed plan.</p> <p>Application of core knowledge is extensive in depth and range when justifying decisions for the implementation of the plan, resulting in excellent technical accuracy and comprehensive links to the requirements of the brief to support decisions.</p>						

	Band 1 descriptor		Band 2 descriptor		Band 3 descriptor		AO (marks)	Total marks available
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Task 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	AO2b	6
Plan	Marking descriptors – All versions							
AO2b Apply core skills Analysing Communicating Critical thinking Decision making	Basic analysis and application of critical thinking, used with limited success to inform decision making, resulting in a plan with minimal clarity and consideration of task requirements. Conclusions are justified/supported with limited use of logic and reasoning to make connections with the context of the brief. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making) Basic application of communication skills, with limited consideration of audience. Communication may be unclear , limiting its effectiveness in presenting details of the approach to meet the requirements of the brief. (AO2b Communication)	Good analysis and application of critical thinking, which is mostly used successfully to inform decision making, resulting in a plan which has moderate clarity and consideration of task requirements. Conclusions are justified/supported with good use of logic and reasoning to make connections with the context of the brief. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making) Good application of communication skills, with audience mostly considered throughout. Communication is mostly clear and effective in presenting details of the approach to meet the requirements of the brief. (AO2b Communication)	Comprehensive analysis and application of critical thinking, which is consistently used successfully to inform decision making, resulting in a plan which has excellent clarity and consideration of required elements. Conclusions are justified/supported with thorough use of logic and reasoning to make connections with the context of the brief. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making) Excellent application of communication skills, with audience thoroughly considered throughout. Communication is consistently clear and effective in presenting details of the approach to meet the requirements of the brief. (AO2b Communication)					

5. Evaluate and present

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

Core Knowledge

- Clarity of explanation of how the candidate's two chosen livestock enterprises and implementation plan address the requirements of the project brief, including any features considered by the candidate to be of particular importance.
- Application of core knowledge in order to effectively evaluate how well the two chosen livestock enterprises meet the requirements of the project brief.
- Application of core knowledge in order to effectively evaluate how well the implementation plan meets the requirements of the project brief and can be used to support the project.
- Reflection and application of core knowledge to discuss the reasons for discounting the third livestock enterprise.
- Peer feedback is used to reflect and evaluate on how the implementation plan can be used to ensure the two chosen livestock enterprises are successful, including details of any areas where improvements can be made.
- Where elements of feedback from peers are not considered, the reasons for this are explained and justified.
- Justification of any improvements or adaptations required to their implementation plan including what they would do differently next time.
- Where improvements or amendments are not considered, the reasons for this are explained and justified.
- Challenges faced when achieving the project outcome, and how these have been overcome (eg implications of biosecurity, sustainability, and environmental impact of the livestock development).
- Responses to follow-up questions demonstrating reflection on their proposals and feedback received.

Core Skills

- Application of core skills to successfully evaluate the two chosen livestock enterprises and implementation plan in line with the requirements of the project brief clearly and concisely, successfully presenting all necessary information.
- Analysis and reflection of the implementation plan as well as analysis of the feedback gained from peers.
- Effectively evaluate their own project against requirements outlined in the brief and determine the quality of outcome against project aim (ie are the chosen livestock enterprises an effective proposal for the project? Is the implementation plan effective at supporting success of the two chosen enterprises over time?)

- Ability to be able to reflect on their own experience and articulate any improvements or adaptations required to the implementation plan in line with the requirements of the project brief.
- Project evaluation uses technical terminology within the presentation.
- Questions after the presentation were answered clearly, drawing on core knowledge and skills to justify and explain decisions and evaluate where improvements can be made for next time.

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this task and assessment objectives.

- Task 4 - Peer Review Form
- Task 4 - Candidate Feedback Form
- Task 5 - Presentation materials
- Task 5 - Video recording of presentation and question and answers

Note: where there is insufficient evidence to award a mark, a zero mark may be given

	Band 1 descriptor			Band 2 descriptor			Band 3 descriptor			AOs (marks)	Total marks available
Task 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	AO2a AO2b	9
Evaluate	Marking descriptors – All versions										
AO2a Apply core knowledge	Basic application and minimal referencing of core knowledge within evaluation. Links to core knowledge to support reasoning/justifications have limited clarity and technical accuracy. (AO2a)			Good application and moderate referencing of core knowledge within evaluation. Links to core knowledge to support reasoning/justifications are mostly clear and technically accurate. (AO2a)			Excellent application and comprehensive referencing of core knowledge within evaluation. Links to core knowledge to support reasoning/justifications are consistently clear and technically accurate. (AO2a)				
AO2b Apply core skills Analysing Communication Critical thinking Decision making Working in a team	Basic analysis and application of critical thinking to inform evaluation of the project outcome. Conclusions are justified/supported with limited use of logic and reasoning to make connections with brief requirements. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making)			Good analysis and application of critical thinking to inform evaluation of the project outcome. Conclusions are justified/supported with good use of logic and reasoning to make connections with brief requirements. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making)			Excellent analysis and application of critical thinking to inform evaluation of the project outcome. Conclusions are justified/supported with thorough use of logic and reasoning to make connections with brief requirements. (AO2b Analysis, Critical thinking, Decision making)				
	Basic application of communication skills, with minimal consideration of the audience for the presentation.			Good application of communication skills, with moderate consideration of the audience for the presentation.			Excellent application of communication skills, with thorough consideration of the audience for the presentation. Communication is consistently clear and effective in				

	Band 1 descriptor	Band 2 descriptor	Band 3 descriptor	AOs (marks)	Total marks available
	<p>Communication, at times, may be unclear, limiting its effectiveness in presenting the evaluation of the project. (AO2b Communication)</p> <p>Limited consideration and reflection of feedback provided by peers when considering how the project outcome meets the requirements of the brief. Minimal reference to feedback within evaluation. (AO2b Working in a team)</p>	<p>Communication is mostly clear and effective in presenting the evaluation of the project. (AO2b Communication)</p> <p>Good consideration and reflection of feedback provided by peers when considering how the project outcome meets the requirements of the brief. Moderate reference to feedback within evaluation. (AO2b Working in a team)</p>	<p>presenting the evaluation of the project. (AO2b Communication)</p> <p>Comprehensive consideration and reflection of feedback provided by peers, when considering how the project outcome meets the requirements of the brief. Extensive reference to feedback within evaluation. (AO2b Working in a team)</p>		

	Band 1 descriptor				Band 2 descriptor				Band 3 descriptor				AOs (marks)	Total marks available
Task 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	AO5a AO5b	12
Evaluate	Marking descriptors – All versions													
AO5a Realise a project outcome	Basic level of reflection is evidenced within the evaluation, with minimally effective links to how well the project outcome achieves the brief requirements. (AO5a)				Good level of reflection is evidenced within the evaluation, with moderately effective links to how well the project outcome achieves the brief requirements. (AO5a)				Comprehensive level of reflection is evidenced within the evaluation, with highly effective links to how well the project outcome achieves the brief requirements. (AO5a)					
AO5b Review how well the outcome meets the brief.	Basic evaluation of the project and how the outcome meets the brief requirements, conclusions lack logical lines of reasoning between decisions made and the success of the project as a whole. (AO5b)				Good evaluation of the project and how the outcome meets the brief requirements, conclusions have mostly logical lines of reasoning between decisions made and the success of the project as a whole. (AO5b)				Excellent evaluation of the project and how the outcome meets the brief requirements, conclusions have highly logical lines of reasoning between decisions made and the success of the project as a whole. (AO5b)					

Maths, English and Digital skills (AO4)

Maths

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

- Cost considerations for the implementation and running of the two chosen livestock enterprises over the next three years, including costs for livestock purchases, feed, bedding, routine disease prevention, labour requirements.

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this assessment objective:

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- Task 2 - Written report

Note: where there is insufficient evidence to award a mark, a zero mark may be given

	Band 1 descriptor	Band 2 descriptor	Band 3 descriptor	AOs (marks)	Total marks available
Task 2	1	2	3	AO4a	3
AO4a Maths	Marking descriptors – All versions				
	<p>Minimally appropriate mathematical approaches/concepts/calculations are selected for the task.</p> <p>Mathematical approaches/concepts/calculations are applied with limited accuracy.</p>	<p>Mostly appropriate mathematical approaches/concepts/calculations are selected for the task.</p> <p>Mathematical approaches/concepts/calculations are mostly applied accurately.</p>	<p>Highly appropriate mathematical approaches/concepts/calculations are selected for the task.</p> <p>Mathematical approaches/concepts/calculations are consistently applied accurately.</p>		

English

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

- Use of appropriate and accurate English.
- Use of terminology within written evidence which is technical and consistent with the intended audience (farm manager).
- Use of English including grammar, spelling and punctuation within the implementation plan and supporting statement.

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this assessment objective:

- Task 3 - Implementation plan
- Task 3 - Supporting statement

	Band 1 descriptor	Band 2 descriptor	Band 3 descriptor	AOs (marks)	Total marks available
Task 3	1	2	3	AO4b	3
AO4b English	Marking descriptors – All versions				
	Evidence within task responses has minimal structure to support understanding, language and terminology is minimally appropriate and accurate. Communication methods are somewhat appropriate for intended audience.	Evidence within task responses has good structure to support understanding, language and terminology is moderately appropriate and accurate. Communication methods are mostly appropriate for intended audience.	Evidence within task responses has excellent structure to support understanding, language and terminology used is highly appropriate and accurate. Communication methods are highly appropriate for intended audience.		

Digital

Indicative Content

Typical evidence may include:

- Use of appropriate digital resources to meet task requirements for the presentation.
- Use of features available within digital resources where appropriate (eg formatting, layout, presentation modes, animations / transitions in presentation, application of software package features).
- The range of digital options used, the extent to which they have been used to add value and their effectiveness of use.
- Use of current digital techniques, resources and sources in adherence with industry practice and convention.
- The use of digital software in creating the presentation.

Guidance for markers

The following evidence must be used to assess performance against this assessment objective:

- Task 5 - Presentation materials

Note: where there is insufficient evidence to award a mark, a zero mark may be given.

	Band 1 descriptor	Band 2 descriptor	Band 3 descriptor	AOs (marks)	Total marks available
Task 5	1	2	3	AO4c	3
AO4c Digital	Marking descriptors – All versions				
	<p>Basic digital technology skills are used to create digital resources, which provides clarity to the information presented, with limited effectiveness.</p> <p>Basic use of technology to enhance the quality of the digital resources.</p>	<p>Good digital technology skills are used to create digital resources, which provides clarity to the information presented, mostly effectively.</p> <p>Good use of technology to enhance the quality of the digital resources.</p>	<p>Excellent digital technology skills are used to create digital resources, which optimises the clarity of the information presented, highly effectively.</p> <p>Excellent use of technology to enhance the quality of the digital resources.</p>		

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